

REMARKS

Applicants affirm election, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, as amended.

Applicants express their appreciation for the allowance of claims 10-20.

Rejection Under 33 U.S.C. 102 and 103

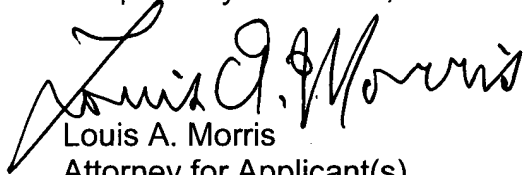
The instant composition claims (new claims 28-38 and claims 2, 3, 8 and 9 that depend therefrom) are product by process claims that claim compositions, which are novel and non-obvious over the prior art by virtue of their unique structure, and composition.

Support in the instant text for the addition of molybdates and tungstates to claims 3 and 30 and compounds of aluminum, chromium or iron in new claims 37 and 38, may be found in the paragraph beginning at line 6 on page 7. Original claim 6 provides support for "transition metal " in new claims 33 and 34.

The attached Declaration by Dr. W. Jones establishes beyond question that the instant composition possesses a physical structure distinct from the structures of the cited references. Applicants have clearly met their burden of proof to establish that their product is neither anticipated by nor obvious over the prior art products, and, therefore, patentably distinct therefrom.

An allowance of all instant claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis A. Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Louis" being particularly prominent.

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